

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

By way of example, certain mechanical tools such as, but not limited to a screwdriver structure is known to incorporate a rear-lighted handle base. However, reluctance on the part of the manufacturer or tool designer to completely redesign the overall structural and operative features of such a device results in the existing screwdriver being heavy, bulky and therefore usable for only limited purposes. Understandably, the reluctance on the part of manufactures to completely redesign a line of tools has resulted in the lack of a variety of different instruments, tools, etc. ~~of~~ with effective and efficient associated light sources.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20 line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Therefore, as generally represented in the embodiments of Figures 1, 1a, 2, 2a and 3, any number of utilitarian devices may include one or more illumination assemblies 10. Further, each of the one or more illumination assemblies 10 may include a light source having ~~[[by]]~~ one or more LED's and one or more power supplies electrically connected thereto so as to provide

operative energy for the activation of the one or more LED's. Each of the one or more LED's may be either fixed or adjustable into a preferred orientation, relative to the intended work area of the device 12, the mounting assembly 14 or 14' to which they are connected as well as others of a plurality of LED's associated with the same illumination assembly 10.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27 line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

With reference to Figures 23 and 24 the versatility and structural adaptability of the various preferred embodiments of the illumination assembly 10 is demonstrated by the power supply 20 and a variety of different light sources 18' being mounted on different ones of the mounting assemblies 14 such as the clamp assembly 40 and the sleeve 16. The preferred embodiments of the light source is indicated as 18' in Figures 23 and 24 will be described in greater detail with specific reference to Figures 31 through 36. Figure 25 represents a composite of a plurality of various structural modifications each defining yet additional preferred embodiments of the illumination assembly 10 of the present invention. As disclosed, a mounting assembly 14 which may be in the form of sleeve 16 or clamp assembly 40 may be disposed in supporting, connecting relation to a variety of

different combinations of light sources 18 and power supplies 20. Further as will be explained in even greater detail with reference to Figures 26 through 28 the various light sources 18, including one or more LED's 25, may be fixed or adjustably/movably ~~ported~~ supported relative to a corresponding one of the mounting assemblies 14 such that either or both the mounting assembly 14 and/or the individual light sources 18 and one or more LED's 25 associated therewith, facilitate the adjustable positioning of the light source 18 as well as the selective orientation of the one or more LED's 25 relative to the work area of the device 12, which is intended to be illuminated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30 line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Further structural modification of the extension neck 66' includes the provision for mounting a plurality of LED's ~~preferable~~ preferably in succession, along at least a portion of the length of the extension neck 66' in order to further facilitate the versatility and adaptability in illuminating a predetermined work area of the device on which the light source 18' is supported or connected. Further structural modifications, defining at least yet another preferred embodiment of the illumination assembly of the present invention ~~is~~ are

demonstrated in Figure 36. More specifically, the extension neck 66' of the light source 18' is connected to the power supply 20' by means of an electrically coupling interface generally indicated as 70. The interface 70 includes a plug and receiving pin 72 and 74 respectively disposed and structured for detachable connection to one another wherein the power supply 20', including a contained battery is connected to the coupling interface pin 74 by appropriate conductors as at 76. The plug may be imbedded in or otherwise secured to the mount 50. Obviously the plug and the pin arrangement can be reversed such that the plug 72 is mounted on the support platform 28 in association with the base segment 54 rather than with the cap or head portion 52 of the mount 50.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 31 line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Movable adjustment of the entire extension neck 66' can be readily accomplished in either a rotational, pivotal or reciprocal twisting movement as demonstrated with respect to the embodiment of Figure 26 due at least in part to the interconnection between the base segment 54 and the head 52 as described with reference to Figure 27 and the fact that the connecting conductors as at 76' are loosely disposed and/or are

of sufficient length to accommodate the aforementioned diverse or universal type of movement. Figure 37 represents yet another embodiment of the coupling interface as at 70' comprising a plug or receptor 72' disposed and structured to receive a cooperatively structured receptacle pin (not shown for purposes of clarity) which may be associated with an "external" power supply rather than the contained, cooperatively disposed power supply 20 normally directly associated with the light source 18.